

Buffalo Coulee Amateur Hour, Kiefer's Hall, Mar. 10

Variety Concert Well Received

The Home and School Variety Concert held here on Saturday, February 25 was a very good concert indeed and a most successful venture. A very enthusiastic audience filled the school auditorium and with Rev. H. W. Inglis in the chair the following program was enjoyed.

1. O Canada.
 1. C. G. T. sing song.
 2. The Girls and the Billy Goats Three—Mrs. Millar's Grade 3.
 3. Recitation: Levinsky at the Wedding, Carol Smallwood.
 4. Solo: Erling Nilson, Blue Bird of Happiness and I'll Walk with God.
 5. Piano Solo, Arlene Cusud.
 6. Action song, Grades 1, 2, 3, Albert School, Mrs. A. Larson.
 7. Piano duets, Carol and Marjorie Matthews, On the Stage, Viennese Waltz.
 8. Saxophone solos, M. Hurst, Symphony, Step Lively.
 9. Solos, Gordon Hollinger, Galway Bay, That's an Irish Lullaby.
 10. Violin solos, Mr. Nissen, Nocturne, Washington Post March.
 11. Recitation, Mrs. McLean.
 12. Duets, Cecile Dube and Bett Rae Locke, He, Beautiful Isle of Somewhere.
 13. Duets, Erling Nilson and Gordon Hollinger, The Camp-town Races, I've Been Working on the Railroad.
 14. Play, grades 7 and 8, "Sister Sue," directed by Mr. A. Rounghan. This was a well chosen play ably directed.
- The concert closed by all singing God Save The Queen.

4H GRAIN CLUB HOLD BONSPIEL

The 4H Grain Club held their bonspiel on February 18, consisting of nine local rinks and one from Heath. The winners were as follows:

- 1st Event
1. Norman Ford, Heath, Flashlights.
 2. Warren Fuder, Ornaments.
- 2nd Event
1. Lorraine Smallwood, Pens.
 2. Harold Dootson, Mugs.
- Many thanks to all who participated and to the girls who served in the booth and the cleaning up.
- The next 4H meeting will be held on Monday, March 5 in the Legion Hall. All members are urged to attend.

Press Reporter,
Daniel Van Hyfte.

Weekly Inspirational Corner

(Sponsored by an Irma Times reader)

PSALM 34—
I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.
They looked unto him, and were lightened; and their faces were not ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Southern Sayings

We sure have some enthusiastic curlers in the district, in the persons of Alex Cairns and Ted Hill. We understand they both did a little winking to be able to take in the bonspiel at Wainwright. Alex did get some compensation as he was lucky to win a lovely sweater. Better luck next time, Ted.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd of Jarow were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hill last Sunday to help Donna celebrate her second birthday.

J. Jackson is in Saskatoon this week attending the annual convention of the C.O.C.L.

We would like to extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gulbraa on the arrival of a son.

Next meeting of the W.I. will be held on March 13 at the home of Mrs. H. Long. Hostesses, Mrs. Funk and Mrs. H. Long. Topic, United Nations; Mrs. E. Jackson. Roll Call, Bring a pie. (7). Program, Mrs. Johnston. The social evening will be on March 17 (a night for the Irish).

Melvin Dawson was home from Edmonton recently for the week-end.

Northern Nuggets

Miss Carol Lambert underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis in the Mannville hospital on Tuesday. We are glad to hear she is progressing favorably.

Miss Colleen Archibald of Edmonton spent the week-end with her parents.

Mr. John Allen made a business trip to Camrose on Tuesday.

Apparently the intense cold and deep snow has made life difficult for the coyotes also. Mr. Herper shot one on Saturday about 30 feet from his house.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Currie drove to Minburn on Wednesday and enjoyed a visit with Mr. and Mrs. George Hardy.

Bert Clisfield trucked a load of pigs to the city on Monday.

Mrs. M. C. Ambler was an Edmonton visitor this week-end.

Jarrow News

Just a reminder. The Jarow W.A. will meet at the home of C. Sonett on March 6 at 2:30 p.m. for the first meeting of the new year. Hostesses, Mrs. Sonett and Mrs. Theroux. Hope to see everyone.

Service at the church on Mar. 4 at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. Inglis. Don't forget the Alberta Wheat Pool program to be at the Jarow hall on Monday evening, March 5. Those that attended last year enjoyed a very good program and also the well-discussed panel which followed and we are looking forward to the evening this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Budzinski and girls of Edmonton spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Firkus.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F. Mayne on the birth of twin boys at the Viking hospital on February 26.

LEGION RINKS HOLD DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

(From The Viking News)

Legion rinks from Elk Point, Loughheed, Vermillion and Viking held district playdowns at Vermillion last Sunday. Vermillion and Viking won out and will compete with twelve rinks at the prov. playdowns to be held at Camrose on March 11-13 to decide a winner to take part in a series of games with provincial winners of Manitoba and Sask. at Regina.

The Viking rink consists of Vince Shavik, Leo Kelly, Bill Stalker, Spike Hafso and Selmer Hafso.

WITH THE District Agriculturist

By J. S. Duncan.

Gardens?

It must be getting close to spring because nearly every mail brings literature on seed catalogues from some firm or other. Did you ever think to yourself that the pictures of fruit and vegetables shown in the catalogues are just too good to be true? In many cases they are and yet because the pictures is good people buy a certain variety of seed without thought as to whether it is suitable or not. This applies to vegetables, flowers and fruit. Your garden can be a great asset to you and it costs no more to get seed of the best varieties available. Drop into my office for a copy of the Alberta Horticultural Guide. This handy booklet gives the varieties suited for each soil and climatic zone and notes them as to suitability for freezing, storage, etc. It covers vegetables, fruit, flowers and ornamentals. Drop in and get a copy.

Costs of Heating

A winter like this one causes a lot of discussion about costs of heating the home. Of the fuels used for heating houses the most common are Natural Gas, Coal, Oil, Propane and Electricity. If we let the actual cost of fuel per unit of heat equal one, the approximate costs of these fuels at present prices are as follows:

Natural Gas	1.
Coal	1.8
Oil	1.9
Propane	3.1
Electricity	6.7

These figures of course do not take into consideration factors such as cost of installation, ease of handling, cleanliness, etc. which are also important in planning a heating system. They do however serve as a rough guide to anyone planning changes in a heating system and deciding what fuel to use.

Rat Control

A dull subject, but one that should not be overlooked. We can keep rats under good control and prevent a lot of damage by keeping your eyes open. Anyone in country or town who has or suspects that rats are on his premises should get in touch with the nearest Rat Control Officer for supplies of poison and instructions on making and putting out bait boxes. As long as we are aware of the problem and willing to co-operate there will not be many rats in Alberta.

CHURCH SERVICES

SHARON LUTHERAN
Sunday, March 4

Sunday School and Bible Class at 2 p.m.
Divine Worship 3 p.m.
L. Knudson, Pastor.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

Service of Evensong will be held in St. Mary's Church on Sunday, March 4 at 2 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, March 4

Irma Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:30 a.m.
Bible Study Group 8:15 p.m.
And Jesus steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem—
Come and worship.
H. W. Inglis, Minister.

THE ALLIANCE CHURCH

Sunday 10:45. The Christian Educational Hour. There are classes for every age.

11:45 The Hour of Worship.

Monday, 8 p.m. Young Peoples.

Tuesday, 8 p.m. The Cottage Prayer meeting.

Psalm 9:17. "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all nations that forget God."

Pastor L. D. Sheardown.

IRMA LEGION

The regular meeting of the Irma Branch will be held in the Legion Hall, Tuesday, March 6. A full attendance of members is requested.

Glen-Coa Gleanings

Last week's gleanings got side-tracked by inaccessible roads, and equally inaccessible phones. Perhaps the late news may be of some interest so it will be included in this week's.

We are happy to report that Baby Melvin Erickson is progressing nicely after spending a week in Wainwright hospital the week before last.

Mrs. N. Fluevog attended the W.M.F. Worker's Conference in Edmonton at Calvary Lutheran Church on February 18.

This week we offer hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gulbraa on the birth of a baby son born on February 26 at Wainwright hospital. (We can just picture the delighted little Lorraine).

Miss Evelyn Erickson spent a few days at home over the week-end.

Likewise Mrs. K. Gulbraa had a few days at home over the week-end. Mrs. Gulbraa has been nursing at Wainwright hospital for the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Fuder and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Knudson and family motored to Red Deer last week-end.

Well, we are all nearly plowed out once more. There are rumors here that we haven't seen the last storm of the season. Perhaps it is just as well not to "cross our bridges."

Kinsella News

The sympathy of the whole community is extended to all the members of the Loades family on the death of Mr. Leonard Loades.

Messrs. Ralph and Roy Starbakken, Bruce Davis and Tommy Oakes were in Edmonton last week curling in the Elks Northern Alberta curling bonspiel and report having a very enjoyable time.

At the W.I. meeting on Saturday, papers were given by Mrs. G. Paterson, Mrs. J. McKie and Mrs. M. Reiz, who spoke respectively on the FWIC and AOWW, Citizenship and a Review on the Changing of School Text Books.

Mrs. G. Paterson entertained a number of ladies at afternoon tea on Friday in honor of her mother, Mrs. A. Milne, birthday anniversary.

Due to very bad road conditions the school buses were unable to make their usual rounds several days last week. The snow ploughs have been very busy and the schools hope to get back to regular routine on Monday.

Mr. Stanley Stevens of Dawson Creek, B.C., spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. R. Stevens.

DATES TO REMEMBER—

Wednesday, February 29, Leap Year dance and March 16, St. Patrick's dance.

The W.A. will meet at the home of Mrs. K. Overbo on Thursday, March 1.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mayne on the birth of twin boys.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all those who sent me letters, cards and gifts of fruit and candy, also those who phoned me during my recent stay in hospital.

Mrs. E. Stockton.

Irma Rink Win In Elks Spiel

EDMONTON—Butch Dyberg of Wetaskwin parlayed the big inning into a primary championship for the Northern Alberta Elks Bonspiel drew to a close at the Alberta Ave. Curling Club Tuesday.

Dyberg connected for a five against Helmer Hanson's rink from Viking, skipped by Stub Trueman, when he was down 3-0, then scored five more in the seventh after Hanson had drawn abreast at 6-6.

Even so, it came right down to the last rock, with Dyberg hitting a Viking counter right on the break for a 14-12 triumph.

Frank Drewick of Irma, with Neil McMillan on the tee-end, won out in the Entwistle Memorial, the third competition, with a 7-5 triumph over Jack Coxford of Mannville.

D. G. Latta Trophy (Primary) Semi-finals—Dyberg, Wetaskwin, def. Ponich, Vegreville; Hanson, Viking, def. Blomheim, Leduc.

Final:
Hanson 301 011 022 020-12
Dyberg 050 100 500 201-14

Stub Trueman, Helmer Hanson, Mario Pisica, A. Burnham; But Dyberg, Eli Abousaffy, Harry Hile, Johnny Trout.

Exalted Rulers (Secondary)

Final:
Golds 001 170 210 018-7
Candella 220 003 003 208-11

Los Golks, Johnny Golska, Alvin Golska, Chris Golska; Ted Cancelli, Howie Morrison, Elm.

Entwistle Memorial (No. 3)

Final:
Coxford 010 100 012 0-6
Drewick 101 012 100 1-7

Jack Coxford, Les Kreller, Malcolm Morrison, Archie Bodard; Neil McMillan, Albert Firkus, Frank Drewick, Wilf Symington.

Echo-Rodino

Mr. and Mrs. A. Beckett were hosts on a very cold night to a party of Court Willet. Prizes for the card games were won by Mrs. Effie Nash and Mr. Abbie Winfield. Mrs. Rosie Vanderwaate and Miss Christina Beckett received the consolation.

A monthly meeting of the R.Y.P. was held after lunch was served. Ten members were present.

Mrs. Daisy Johnston is laid up in hospital due to her having a fall and it resulting in a broken leg.

Peggy Winfield celebrated her 11th birthday on February 17. Mrs. A. Beckett has been suffering from a bruised and wrenched knee.

Ronnie Shipley is visiting with his pal Clark Smith. Miss Shirley Nash is at home after being at Olds the past few months.

A robin and a pair of crows have been seen in the district. Seems like they misjudged the calendar a few weeks. On Feb. 15, we had a low of 38 degrees below and last year on the same day it read a high of 46 degrees above. Quite a contrast!

NOTICE TO IRMA 4-H BEEF CLUB MEMBERS

All members wishing to take part in the 4-H Beef Club bonspiel on Saturday, March 3, please notify Ronnie Firkus, Marjorie Rawluk or Gordon Firkus.

J. Leonard Loades Passed Away

The sympathy of all at Irma is extended to Mrs. L. Loades and children on the passing of Mr. Leonard Loades, Thursday night, February 23 at the Viking hospital.

Mr. Loades had been in charge of the gas camp here since 1932. His friendly, cheerful personality and the unflinching courtesy he showed to one and all made him most highly regarded at Irma. He took a keen interest in community affairs and will be greatly missed.

Funeral account and memorials published in next week's issue.

EASTERLY ECHOES

Last week "big blow" is now in history. Roads are once more passable if you travel with courage in one hand and a shovel in the other. School buses were held up for three days while snow plows took over last week. Curriers in our district were out in full force to take several prizes at the Wainwright Farmersspiel. Among the winners were: Seward, Cook, Yorkton, McKay, Dootson, King, Inkpen, Penlon and Fenton. This week the ladies take their turn at Wainwright.

Weather does not hold up the progress of birthdays either. Celebrating this week were Maureen Dempsey and Lorne Cook. Many happy returns to these two young folk.

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civil defence notebook

Canada's civil defence bill is big and still growing, but it would be bigger without the citizen volunteer. Under the Canadian C.D. set-up each province and municipality is responsible for the needs of its own people, for Ottawa exercises no administrative control over local C.D. agencies.

Civic-minded volunteers, therefore, are the backbone of civil defence. The bill is not small. It probably won't shrink so long as nuclear war is a threat. But F.F. Worthington, federal civil defence co-ordinator, has said: "To federalize civil defence, to plan for a provincial or municipal government staff in all its ramifications, would involve a paid force numbering thousands."

So far the federal government, in various ways, has paid the lion's share. It has agreed, at conferences with provincial officials, to provide training, research, equipment and financial assistance. The provinces and municipalities are taking it from there.

Main federal assistance has been in grants established in 1952 on the basis of eight cents per capita for the whole province with another six cents per capita for target-area cities. For the first two years the grants were available on the basis of a federal dollar for every provincial dollar up to the province's population quota. In the last two years these were extended to municipalities as well, providing the province approved.

That is, for municipal projects the federal contributions now are made on the basis of 50 per cent from Ottawa, 25 per cent from the province and 25 per cent from the municipality. If the province doesn't participate financially, the federal contribution is 25 per cent direct to the municipality.

In the 1952-53 fiscal year the federal government matched three provincial C.D. expenditures, British Columbia, \$114,964; Alberta, \$85,545; Saskatchewan, \$25,206; Manitoba, \$15,898; Newfoundland, \$5,244. In 1953-54: B.C., \$107,714; Alta.,

\$85,545; Sask., \$34,020; Man., \$25,156; Nova Scotia, \$4,020; Nfld., \$3,015.

It was in 1953-54 that B.C. municipalities led the way in civil defence, financially at least, by putting up \$145,728. They led the next year, too, shelling out \$225,000. Ontario municipalities entered directly into the C.D. financial picture then, too, with \$48,368 to Ottawa's \$18,122.

That year, 1954-55, federal grants matched in: B.C., \$158,250; Alta., \$118,922; Sask., \$42,087; Man., \$25,892; New Brunswick, \$12,433; N.S., \$17,925; Nfld., \$2,137.

Figures were not in for 1955-56 but were expected to show a big jump in Ontario's direction as that province accepted the federal grant for the first time.

Administrative officers at federal civil defence headquarters in Ottawa, have estimated that of the \$4,800,000 available through grants in the first three years of the program, the provinces took up about \$1,000,000. Ontario's participation was expected to make the bite larger in last year's grants.

The grants, however, are only one side of the federal C.D. assistance program. Its direct C.D. expenditures from 1950-55 totalled some \$9,000,000 and its estimates for the 1955-56 fiscal year were \$7,000,000.

It set up the Canadian Civil Defence College at Arrnprior, Ont., and pays expenses for training persons from all provinces. It has put aside \$9,000,000 for stockpiling emergency medical supplies. It has supplied warning sirens to major cities, fire pumps, stretchers, training manuals and other equipment wherever there was a need.

And these costs do not include such projects as the multimillion-dollar radar warning screens going up around the continent, tele-communications, the ground observer corps (and others closely related to the defence of Canada). The federal government also agreed to pay one-third the cost of standardizing fire hose coupling sizes. Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta have taken advantage of this offer.



EDITORIALS

IT'S YOUR MONEY!

Have you met the man who doesn't care how his wages are spent?

Actually he's not as rare as appears at first glance. He's the man who every pay day does out a goodly portion of his salary to the Government, then promptly forgets or doesn't care what happens to it. More specifically, he's the fellow who labours several days gratis each year to support our system of education, then immediately dismisses the whole subject as being none of his business.

Education is everybody's business. This is a truth that doesn't belong in a lofty idealistic category; it's a matter of dollars and cents. And this is the slogan for Education Week 1956: Education is Everybody's Business.

To spotlight education's role in modern life, Education Week will be observed in Canada from coast to coast, March 4 to March 10. Community projects have been planned across the country and the entire week is sponsored by a number of nationwide groups and associations.

Throughout the week, television, radio, the press and other media of information will co-operate to carry to Canadians the vital reminder that education isn't only the business of the other fellow, any more than the money spent on it all belongs to the other fellow.

There are scores of ways in which the public generally and individually can co-operate with educators to raise or maintain our present standards. Industry has a role in the support of education; parents have a need to maintain contact with and co-operate with the men and women who guide the education of Canada's students; home and school associations have another role to fulfil. There is no dearth of ways in which the man who pays the school bills can supervise the way his money is being spent.

More important than the monetary aspect of education is the part it plays as the guardian of our freedom. Democracy can't disappear unless our school system first disintegrates. But once education is disregarded or left to shift for itself, our nation will be vulnerable to assault from any ideology that will rob us of the things for which we have had to battle so hard.

There are many other reasons why education must be one of our prime concerns, why it must be constantly spotlighted in our democracy. All in all, it isn't difficult to see why Education is Everybody's Business.—Selected.

DEVON STUDENTS TO SPONSOR TV SPIEL

The Devon high school, following their most successful Province-wide Jalopy bonspiel last winter, is launching another outstanding event this year. Students are working together this season to provide a T.V. spiel to be held Easter week-end, April 2nd to 5th.

A full complement of excellent prizes for each of the three events will be provided; over \$1,000 in prizes are offered. The Grand Challenge event is headed by four 17" Television sets. Schools are not limited to one entry, but the spiel will be closed off on receipt of 64 entries. Closing date for entries is Mar. 21. A draw for one free entry rink will be made March 15 of all entries received to that date. Hospitality will be the motto of the town, and citizens will co-operate to see that each rink will be taken care of. Draws will be made up such that free accommodation will be available for participating rinks; distant rinks will start the second day of the spiel.

Entries with the team complement are to be verified by School principals. A curling banquet will be held April 3 that all rinks might be present.

VERMILION

Elks Newspaper Car Bingo

The Bingo numbers drawn to date are as follows:

B—7, 9, 12, 14, 1, 5, 10, 11, 8.
I—17, 23, 28, 29, 30, 26, 19, 20, 22, 18.
N—31, 32, 34, 38, 40, 42, 45, 36, 39, 43, 41, 35.
G—46, 50, 52, 53, 55, 56, 60, 57, 54, 58, 48.
O—68, 71, 74, 75, 72, 69, 61, 67, 73, 63.

The "E" Bingo has been called on February 20 draw. The last chance is the "black out."



By
Dr. T. J. Giesney,
Director,
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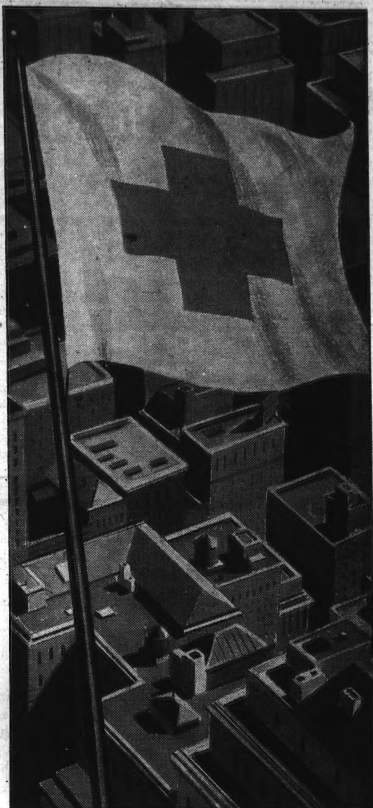
WATCH THAT GRAIN!

Heavy losses in farm-stored grain resulting from drifting and melting snow have already been reported. Is your farm-stored grain well protected against snow moisture, and other forms of winter damage?

Act Now. The unusually heavy snowfall and snow drifting of the past few months have made it impossible in many districts of Western Canada for farmers to make regular inspections of their farm-stored grain. Now is the time, however, when all grain stored on the farm should be examined carefully to detect excessive moisture, crusting, caking, heating or spoilage. Snow that has drifted around and into open grain piles, or onto the surface of binned grain should be removed at once. Action now is necessary to avoid real trouble when warmer weather sets in.

Regular Inspection Needed. The next few weeks will be a critical time for grain that has been exposed to the effects of drifting and melting snow. Careful examination now, and regular inspection for the rest of the winter to make sure that all farm-stored grain remains dry and free of insect infestation, constitutes first-class insurance against serious storage losses. Inspect your grain today. Next week, or even tomorrow, may be too late.

On Seed Germination. Time marches on! Have you had your seed-grain tested for germination? Knowing the true seed value of the grain you intend to use for seeding purposes this Spring is one effective way of taking the guesswork out of your 1956 grain growing operations. Now is the time to take advantage of the free germination tests offered by your local elevator agent. Why take risks? Know the seed you sow!



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It was to a man who had mispent his whole life in sin and shame that the Savior said: "Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with Me in paradise."

There was room—even for this dying thief—in the Father's house to which Christ was now returning.

The thief on the cross was accepted into paradise because he recognized his enormous guilt and threw himself completely on the mercy of the Savior. That is the only way ANY man can get into heaven.

Because Christ has paid the price for every sin of every man of every age, God can offer universal forgiveness in the words: "Come... though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as white as wool."

Down through the centuries uncounted millions have entered heaven by the same door which was opened to the dying thief—the door of repentance and faith. "The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day; And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away." Have you?

with the Field Supervisor

By R. E. Congdon

Report of the Agricultural Service Board to the Annual Meeting of MD Wainwright No. 61.

Since I took office as your Field Supervisor on May 1, 1955, your Board has held 7 meetings, the August meeting taking the form of a tour of the MD and between meetings has been active in carrying out the program laid down for 1955.

In taking over the reins of my present office at a time when spring work was under way, I was confronted with the task of familiarizing myself with the office files and procedure, taking a seed drill survey, inspecting lands against which Notices to Prohibit Seeding had been issued, and making inspections for the issuing of Stubble Burning permits. However, with the aid of members of the Service Board and office staff I was able to carry on without too much delay in answering inspection requests.

Burning Permits

Due to the wet spring and heavy crop of stubble from the previous year there were unusual number of requests for Burning Permits. 69 farms were inspected and 65 Permits were issued. In all but 4 cases burning was warranted.

Weed Control

At the beginning of 1955 Notices to Prohibit Seeding were in force against 21 parcels of land affecting 1455 acres. During the course of the year 17 of these have been rescinded and 8 new parcels have come under this order. The co-operation of farmers in planning a program for weed control on these lands has in most cases been very good and I hope that next year will see a further reduction in the number of parcels of land affected by Notices to Prohibit Seeding.

(2) Weed Inspectors

Nine Weed Inspectors were appointed for the Municipality and complete coverage of the farm land was obtained. From these inspectors' reports I was able to draw up a Municipal Weed Map, plotting the locations of every weed-infested area. Inspections which will be of real help to us in enabling us to concentrate our efforts on weed control in these areas.

89 Notices to Destroy Weeds were issued this year against about 3000 acres of land. In all but 2 cases the notices were complied with and no further action was necessary.

Roadside weed control still presents the most contentious problem and no satisfactory answer has been found to date. However, a great many farmers are accepting the responsibility and are doing a good job.

(3) Noxious Weeds

Our worst weeds continue to be Road Flux and Tartary Buckwheat, which are spreading at an alarming rate and to date no satisfactory chemical control is available. Cultural as well as chemical control is essential to keep these weeds from taking over.

In a report by Fred Maddox in 1949 there were two farms in this M.D. with a serious infestation of Tartary Buckwheat and four other lightly infested. This year I have 137 farms plotted on the map as having infestations of Tartary Buckwheat in varying degrees. The story is much the same with Road Flux.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

(1) Seed Drill Survey—I was able last spring to obtain 54 samples of seed grain during the seeding season which were sent in for testing. The results of this survey have been received and show that 46 per cent of all samples graded rejected, 30 per cent No. 1 Seed, 4 per cent No. 2 Seed and 20 per cent No. 3 Seed.

(2) Test Plots

3 Test Plots were set up, 2 for chemical and cultural control of Tartary Buckwheat, and one for the control of Road Flux with Polybor-Chlorate. Results on the Tartary plots indicated very little control from the use of 2-4-D even with heavy applications 2-4 lbs. Polybor-Chlorate to the 100 sq. ft. gave a complete kill on Road Flux.

(3) Agricultural Display Booth—A display was made up of items of interest to farmers, consisting of pooled weed samples, seed grain samples, various

types of chemicals available for weed control, literature on various weeds, pest control, seed treatment, and a pair of rats dined for display to help people recognize this pest. The display was fairly well received at Wainwright, Irma, Chauvin, G.H. Edge and Edgerton and I hope it can be improved on for next year.

(4) Roadside Grassing

Under the Department of Agriculture policy of supplying seed for roadside grassing, a special effort was made this year to grass all the newly constructed road. To this end 34 miles of roadside has been seeded to grass this year with seed on hand to complete the job next year.

(5) Brush Control

A few demonstrational plots of Chemical Brush Control were done last year, and it is the intention of your Service Board to expand this part of their program in 1956 in an effort to determine the possibility of a large scale roadside Brush Control program.

(6) Tree Planting

A survey is being conducted to determine if there is sufficient interest in field and shelterbelt plantings to warrant your M.D. purchasing a tree planter.

Bangs Vaccination

The Bangs Vaccination program has progressed very well considering the weather and road conditions. Little difficulty has been encountered and facilities for handling cattle are improving each year. There are still a few misconceptions of the Bangs Regulations which I hope can be corrected by giving this part of our work more publicity in the future. At the time of writing over 6000 calves have been vaccinated this winter, the most ever done in this M.D. 1 positive reactor branded.

Film Circuit

Your Service Board has decided that an effort be made to show films on farm topics at points throughout the Municipality. Such a circuit has been arranged and a schedule for 4 shows next week has been drawn up and notices sent to the local papers. The success of this venture will depend on the weather and road conditions, but it is hoped films will make an effort to attend these films and discuss topics of current interest, and local problems with representatives of your Board who will be in attendance.

PEST CONTROL

(1) Coyote Control

The usual policy for coyote control has been used this year and an effort has been made to make the materials more easily available to the farmers. As a result your Council was asked to authorize the appointment of local pest control officers, who could issue cyanide guns, strychnine pellets, etc. This was done and we now have Mr. Prosser at Chauvin, B.H. Swanson at Ribstone and Mr. A. C. Archibald at Irma doing this work. During 1955 over 900 strychnine pellets have been distributed and about 50 cyanide guns issued, and excellent results have been reported in all areas.

A horse was purchased for bait for the Park Farm area and seventeen "1080" baits were distributed.

An estimated 1170 coyotes have been destroyed by all methods.

Rat Control

As most of you know, the rat problem has become very serious in the eastern part of the Municipality and our Rat Control Officer, Mr. Prosser, has done a wonderful job in eliminating these pests from most of the infested farms. During 1955, 519 farms were checked, of these 187 were infested. On 38 of these the rats have been exterminated, 2 are still infested and one has become reinfested. Co-operation in rat control and prevention has been very good in the majority of cases and an estimated 2600 rats have been

In closing I would like to thank the members of the Service Board, the office staff and the Councilors for their support and co-operation in the past year and special thanks to Mr. Stu Duncan for his help and guidance in carrying out the 1955 program.

Respectfully submitted,
RALPH E. CONGDON,
Field Supervisor

MD Wainwright No. 61 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the MD of Wainwright No. 61 was held in the 1007 Hall at Wainwright, Alberta on Saturday the 18th day of February, 1956 as per section 102 of the MD Act, 1954.

The Returning Officer called the meeting to order at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Reeve, Secretary-Treasurer and Council of the District and a large number of Ratepayers were present.

The Returning Officer called for nomination for a Chairman of the meeting.

Mr. Glen Valteau was nominated as Chairman of the meeting and Chas. Wilbraham appointed Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting dated February 18, 1955, were read and in the motion of Messrs. J. Jackson and Valteau were accepted as read. Cd.

Mr. A. C. Archibald, Reeve of the MD of Wainwright gave his report dealing with the many phases of Municipal Administration.

Moved by Messrs. J. Allen and D. Rattery that the Reeve's report be accepted as read. Cd.

Perkins and Jackson—that the Council at the request of the annual meeting write the Provincial Government requesting a grant to the MD to cover snow removal from school bus routes and that this request for a grant be retroactive to take in the winter of 1955-56. Cd.

As per section 14 Department of Municipal Affairs Act, the Inspectors Report of Office records and procedure dated Nov. 30, 1955 was read and discussed. Kett and Perkins—that the Inspectors Report be accepted as read. Cd.

A report was given by Chas. Wilbraham, Sec-Treas., on the result of the Co-terminous Boundary Commission and the changes that resulted in the boundaries, assessment and population.

Perkins and R. Campbell—that the report of the Secretary on the Co-terminous Boundary be accepted as read. Cd.

The 1955 Financial Statement and Auditors Report was read. Gardiner and A. Hutchinson—that the Financial Statement report be read page by page and that each lot be discussed. Cd.

As requested at the 1955 Annual Meeting a complete breakdown of the labour item shown in the statement under the heading of Public Works to show Machine Wages was given.

A vote of thanks was given by A. Hutchinson and the Ratepayers to the Secretary-Treasurer for the breakdown on Labour that was given, as a great deal of work went into the preparation of the Labour Statement.

Hutchinson and Lagroix—that the Public Works report breakdown be put into booklet form. Cd.

Perkins and Kett—that the MD maintain the same discount in 1956 as was in 1955 and the discount date to terminate on November 15, 1956, motion lost.

Smallwood and Lagroix—that the Annual Meeting recommend to Council that discounts in the future be discontinued. Cd.

Messrs. G. Valteau and R. J. Haywood that:

WHEREAS it is very probable that by 1957 or 1958 the Municipal Hospital tax will be discontinued and

WHEREAS our next greatest health expense is the doctor bills.

THEREFORE be it resolved that we request our Councilors to investigate the Medical Plans of our neighboring Municipalities, Hardisty and Mannville and to bring in a report at the next Annual Meeting. Cd.

At the hour of 3 p.m. the R.O. advised that nominations would be received during one hour of this date for the Office of Councilors for Division 3.

Wainwright Mun. Hosp. No. 17, that nominations would be received during one hour of this date for the Office of Trustees, one Trustee for Ward "A," one Trustee for Ward "B" and one Trustee for Ward "C."

Irma Mun. Hosp. No. 55 that nominations would be received during one hour of this date for the Office of Trustees, division of this ward north of Highway 14.

Viking Mun. Hosp. No. 10, that nominations would be received during one hour of this

date for the Office of Trustees for Ward 7.

Discussion of Municipal matters continued.

At the hour of 4 p.m. the R.O. declared the following:

Municipal Councilors—that the following nominations had been received for Division 3: Mr. Romeo Belanger.

Mr. N. E. Garrioch.

That a Poll would be held on Saturday, March 17, 1956 between the hours 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the Election of Councilors for Division 3.

Hospital Trustee—that the following nominations had been received:

Wainwright Municipal Hospital No. 17, Ward "A" Norman E. Garrioch; Matilda L. (Mrs. Paul) Belik.

Ward "B" A. E. Kett.

Ward "C" Harry Lagroix.

Irma Municipal Hospital No. 55—A. C. Archibald.

Viking Municipal Hospital No. 10—W. D. Johnston.

That A. E. Kett elected by acclamation.

That Harry Lagroix, A. C. Archibald and W. D. Johnston be elected by acclamation to their several Hospital Districts.

Valteau and Campbell that:

WHEREAS during the last five years the Hospital Free Area has built up a surplus of approximately \$1500.00.

AND WHEREAS it is very likely that the Federal Health Plan will do away with the Municipal Hospital tax by 1957.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the ratepayers in the Free Area request that the mill rate be not more than one mill until the major portion of this surplus be used up. Cd.

At this time a vote of thanks was extended to the Council for their years work as Councilors.

A vote of thanks was also extended to the snow plow operators for the way they carried out their duties of removing snow this winter.

Roberts and Perkins—that the 1955 Financial Statement and Auditors report be accepted as read. Cd.

Belanger and Smallwood—that the Report of the Sec-Treas. be accepted as presented. Cd.

Smallwood and Barber—that the Wainwright Municipal Hospital Report be set back and that the Field Supervisor's report be given. Cd.

The Field Supervisor of the Agricultural Service Board gave his report of the Board's activities for 1955, elaborating on Weed Inspectors, Seed Drill surveys, Test Plots, roadside spraying for bush, 34 miles of roadside grass seeding, Agricultural displays, Service Board meetings, Coyote Control, Rat Control, Bangs Vaccination, Warble Fly spraying and evening meetings and shows for the ratepayers.

Discussion of the Service Board Activities.

Discussion in regards to back sloped roads, moving telephone lines and fences.

Discussion in regards to snow plows, having "blue" flashing lights so they can be seen from front and back while on the road.

Discussion of Municipal matters completed.

The Sec-Treas. of the Wainwright Municipal Hospital District being in attendance read the Board of Trustees' report and answered questions as to the Auditors report.

Belanger and Gardiner—that the report of the Wainwright Municipal Hospital be accepted.

Mrs. Vera Church gave her report as Sec-Treas.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Hospital Board of Trustees and staff for their work during the past year.

Due to the crowded conditions at the Wainwright Municipal Hospital, discussion followed in regards to more hospital rooms and a chronic hospital for the aged.

Gardiner and Perkins—that there being no more business before this Annual Meeting that we adjourn. Cd.

In 1887 an Act of Parliament set aside a tract of land in the Canadian Rockies 280 square miles in area. This district around Banff, became the first national park in Canada.

Irma Food Market Wins More Prizes!

The Irma Food Market is proud to announce that we have won two more prizes in the Provincial Competition in Cured Meats. During the past four years we have won Six Certificates of Merit for our cured products:

- 1953 — 3rd prize Side Bacon
1954 — 3rd prize Standard Smoked Ham and 3rd prize Tenderized Smoked Ham
1955 — 3rd prize Standard Smoked Ham and 2nd prize Tenderized Smoked Ham

We wish to thank our customers for their patronage in the past, which has helped to make this plant in Irma one of the leading processing plants in Alberta. We have been happy to be able to provide our customers with the best in meat, for their lockers and freezers and will continue to do so in the future.

Mr. John Nolan is a patient in Wainwright hospital.

Carol Lambert has undergone an emergency operation for appendicitis and is in Mannville hospital.

The Evening Group of the W.A. will hold a Home Bake Sale in the Irma Co-op on Saturday, March 3rd.

Alberta's first cheese factory was constructed in 1888 by Ebenezer Healy on his homestead near Springbank, 18 miles west of Calgary.

The Irma W.I. will be holding a sale of home cooking at the Irma Food Market on Saturday, March 31 at 3 p.m.

Local News

The Irma WMS would welcome donations of old woollens suitable for sending away for blanket making. Any blankets thus obtained will be forwarded for overseas relief.

Mr. R. A. Herder shot a coyote not more than 30 yards from his own doorstep. Mr. Herder says the animal was coming toward him and he wonders if it was a rabid coyote.

Donald Fischer is spending a three week furlough at Irma. We understand that Donnie will now be Pilot Officer Fischer and will be stationed at Portage La Prairie.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Renwick of Edmonton visited here last weekend with Mrs. Renwick and Clarence and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jones and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Pendleton motored to Saskatoon on Sunday and returned on Monday. They made the trip to visit the former brother who is ill in the University hospital there.

Miss Shirley Mae Brown spent last weekend at her home here.

Mrs. E. Colburne, sister of Mrs. G. Pendleton returned last Friday to her home at Yellowknife after coming to Irma at the time of her father's illness and death.

Clark Figgenshaw of Lethbridge and Harry Figgenshaw who has just returned after two years in Germany, visited at Irma recently with Mr. Wellington Prosser and Mrs. Renwick and Clarence.

The next meeting of the afternoon group of the W.A. will be held at the home of Mrs. R. C. McFarland and will be the annual "Friendship" meeting.

Mr. Larry Metier went by plane from Edmonton to Calgary on Sunday last to attend the Alberta Locker Plants convention and competition on Monday and Tuesday of this week. One has only to read the Irma Food Market's advertisement in this issue to note that Larry has won higher awards in the cured meats competition than ever before.

Irma folk are most sorry to learn that Mr. Leo Shaw met with a serious accident on Feb. 22 when he was making a routine trip to the city in his panel truck and had the misfortune to be in collision with a car coming from the other direction. Leo sustained a badly fractured hip and other injuries. He was taken to Tofield hospital but is now in Edmonton for further hospitalization. The driver of the other vehicle was also badly hurt.

Mrs. L. A. Johnson celebrated her 81st birthday last Monday and quite a number of friends dropped in to see her.

The Ice Carnival date has been postponed to March 15.

Mr. S. Simmons of Kinsella who has been ill for many weeks is now enjoying better health. His daughter, Mrs. Simmermoon who had been caring for him, is now back at Irma. Miss Doreen Simmermoon of Edmonton spent last weekend with her parents here.

Municipal District of WAINWRIGHT No. 61

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under the Provisions of the Tax Recovery Act being Chapter 161 R.S.A. 1942 as amended; SECTION 4 reads in part "During the month of March in each year the Treasurer of the Municipal District shall prepare a list (Called "the Tax Arrears List") of all parcels the taxes with respect to which have been in arrears for more than year . . . and shall before the 1st day of April forward same to the proper Land Titles Office.

SECTION 5

Immediately upon the receipt of the Tax Arrears List the Registrar shall place upon the certificate of Title a Notification that the parcel is subject to the provisions of "The Tax Recovery Act."

SECTION 6

As long as any Tax Recovery Notification subsists with respect to any parcel no buildings, fences or other improvements in or upon the parcel shall be removed without the consent of the Municipality concerned.

Kindly govern yourselves accordingly.

2-9 CHAS. WILBRAHAM, Secretary-Treasurer.

Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 TENDER

Application for the purchase of the following lands will be received at the office of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61, Wainwright, Alberta, up to and including Wednesday the 7th day of March, 1956, at 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

SW 34-41-1 W4th	Acres	SE 23-43-5 W4th	Acres
NW 9-42-1	8.80	SW 26-43-5	157.10
NE 24-42-1	104.69	NE 26-43-5	160.00
NW 35-42-1	159.00	SE 26-43-5	161.00
SW 35-42-1	109.10	SW 27-43-5	161.00
NE 35-42-1	48.30	SW 35-43-5	160.00
NW 2-43-1	158.32	SE 35-43-5	160.00
NW 5-43-1	156.02	NW 5-45-5	160.00
NW 26-44-1	159.00	SW 5-45-5	159.00
SW 26-44-1	161.00	NE 6-45-5	160.00
SE 30-44-1	154.00	SW 20-45-5	78.76
NW 16-45-1	152.40	SE 26-45-5	160.00
NW 36-41-2	160.00	NE 14-47-5	160.00
SW 36-41-2	160.00	SE 20-47-5	47.50
NE 36-41-2	159.28	NW 24-47-5	161.00
NW 8-43-2	152.98	SW 24-47-5	161.00
NW 12-43-2 S of Ry	92.26	SE 24-47-5	150.50
NW 16-43-2	161.00	SW 18-43-6	161.00
SW 16-43-2	154.65	SW 20-43-6	161.00
NW 6-42-3	160.00	NE 19-45-6	LS15 5.00
NE 21-43-3	134.36	NE 19-45-6	LS16 10.00
SW 23-43-3	154.74	SE 30-45-6	LS 1 2.00
SE 23-43-3	154.84	NW 28-46-6	153.21
SW 18-42-4	159.00	NW 6-44-9	161.00
NE 18-42-4	159.00	NW 7-44-9	161.00
SE 25-42-4	159.00	SE 8-44-9	161.00
SE 12-43-4	160.00	SW 10-44-9	160.00
SE 31-43-4	160.00	SE 10-44-9	160.00
NE 8-44-4	160.00	SW 18-44-9	161.00
SE 8-44-4	160.00	NW 8-47-9	161.00
SW 8-47-4	106.60	SE 8-47-9	161.00
NE 8-47-4	15.30	NE 8-47-9	161.00
SE 8-47-4	158.50	SE 16-47-9	161.00
NW 12-42-5	159.00	NW 24-47-10	160.00
SW 13-42-5	159.00		
NE 13-42-5	159.00		
NW 20-43-5	160.00		
SE 20-43-5	160.00		

Terms Cash: Sale subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and to the reservation and conditions contained in the existing certificates of Title.

Highest or any Tender not necessarily accepted, an accepted cheque or money orders must accompany the Tender in an envelope marked Tender 1/1956.

CHAS. WILBRAHAM,

F3-M9 Secretary-Treasurer.

Alberta's Going Places...



Today Alberta Has More Than 2,000 Miles of Paved Highways...

Good roads are vitally important to Alberta's progress and prosperity. They are the arteries of modern commerce and communication . . . and open up vast opportunities for expansion and development of natural resources. Building and improving Alberta's roads and highways is so important that last year almost 28 per cent of the total provincial budget was allocated for this purpose.

85,000 MILES OF ROADS

A network of 85,000 miles of highways and roads, more than three times the earth's diameter, is controlled by the Department of Highways. Over 2,100 miles of the system are hard-surfaced highways—compared with 531 miles in 1946, just 10 years ago.

Alberta also has more than 28,000 miles of gravelled roads; 26,600 miles of graded roads which are still to be gravelled, and nearly 28,200 miles of district and local earth roads.

7 HIGHWAYS BRANCHES

The work of the Alberta Department of Highways is conducted by 7 branches:

1. The Location Branch selects the location of new highways and roads.
2. The Surveys Branch surveys the completed location of highways and all roads in Improvement Districts, and administers all government-owned land in the province.
3. The Construction Branch stakes out highway locations, purchases gravel and does all work such as cross-sectioning and levelling.
4. The Bridge Branch builds all highway bridges and is presently conducting an expanded program to provide for modern traffic requirements. Bridge design is carried out by the branch, but construction is distributed among private contractors.
5. The Accounting Branch assembles costs of each type of highway, bridge and ferry.
6. The Maintenance Branch maintains all main highways, awards grants to municipal districts and improvement districts for road work and supervises all work done under these grants.
7. The Motor Vehicles Branch, which includes the Highway Traffic Board, issues all vehicle licenses, conducts drivers' tests and passenger car safety tests and controls truck and bus traffic.

HOW HIGHWAYS ARE BUILT IN ALBERTA

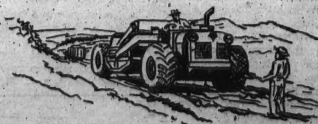
All main highways in Alberta are built on a four year schedule. The first year the sub-grade is applied, ditches, shoulders and grade are fine graded and first course surface gravel is applied.

The second year a stabilized base course of screened gravel is spread to a depth of five or more inches. Two more layers of crushed gravel come next, the second consisting of asphalt bound crushed rock, bringing the total thickness of the base course to nine inches or more.

The third year a coat of asphalt is first applied and then a hot plant mix of asphalt and sand, about four inches thick is rolled into place.

The final year, of the schedule the surface seal coat of asphalt and rock chips is applied, lanes are marked and guide posts and markers erected.

Expert engineering skill and knowledge goes into the construction and maintenance of Alberta's vast highway system. Safety and endurance are built into every mile of road, and the search for better methods never ends.



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LOST — a lady's yellow gold wrist watch, certina make, lost between E. Prosser residence and postoffice on Main Street the evening of Feb. 29. Reward for return to Evelyn White, Irma.

FOR SALE—1954 John Deere 12 ft. 3-row tool bar, hydraulic lift in A1 condition. Apply to R. O. Larson, box 234, Irma. 2-9-10p

Sophie the HAIRDRESSER

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March 20 & 21

If you have anything to sell or trade, try a Times Want Ad. It will bring results.